

3rd Sunday in Lent

*Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.
Bold type invites the people to respond.
PH by hymns denotes the large hymnal &
STF is the blue soft sided hymnal

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

ONE: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make
a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
ALL: We have come to give thanks and to sing
songs of praise!
ONE: We are the people of God’s pasture; we
trust that God will bring us through the
wilderness.
ALL: We seek God’s living water and praise God’s
holy name!

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory PH-84

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you
knowing our words have stung, our actions have
harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its
day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for
you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives.
We scorn those who are different from us, and
relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O
God. Give us your living water, that we might tell
the world all you have done for us. (Pause for a few
moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for
suffering produces endurance, endurance produces

character, character produces hope, and hope does not
disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into
our hearts. Thanks be to God!

Words of Peace

Since we have received the peace of Christ, let us share
that peace with one another. The peace Christ be with
you all!

*Congregational Response Glory Be to the Father PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
Thanks be to God!

Responsive Psalm Psalm 95

ONE: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for
joy to the rock of our salvation.
ALL: Let us come before God’s presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to
the Lord with psalms.
ONE: For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great
ruler above all gods
ALL: In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
ONE: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your
hands have molded the dry land.
ALL: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us
kneel before the Lord our maker.
ONE: For the Lord is our God, and we are the
people of God’s pasture and the sheep of
God’s hand. Oh, that today you would hear
God’s voice!
ALL: “Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on
that day at Massah in the desert.
ONE: There your ancestors tested me, they put me
to the test, though they had seen my works.
ALL: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do
not know my ways.’
ONE: Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never
come to my rest.’”

New Testament Lesson Romans 5:1-11

Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-42

Reading ends: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn We All Are One In Mission PH-435

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Response: hear our prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Thank you for your gifts of financial support of Bethel's
ministries which may be placed in the offering plate near the
main entrance to the sanctuary either before or following
worship. A Cross Reflection will be shared during this time.

*Congregational Response Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in
the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection
become personal crisis and present hope for women and
men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this
experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and
obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision PH-339

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Julie Aanes, Lay Leader; Linda Johansen, Musician.

Pastor Kleppe would welcome visiting you in your home or at a coffee shop in town. Her contact information is 563-380-8187 or lori.kleppe@gmail.com

Beverages are available in the narthex and may be enjoyed during worship. You are invited to help yourself.

Members and friends of Bethel who seek healing and wholeness in their lives are kept in prayer during worship.

Today we are remembering – Cathy Bemiss, Teri Brockway, Don Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom), Darwin Schrage, Mike Schroyer and Victor Schmitz.

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer

Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape

Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden

Maple Crest – Tex Heyer

Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, March 8

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Birthday offering
Fellowship following

Monday, March 9

9:30 a.m. Diaconate

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. Meal and Lent Bible Study at Bethel

Thursday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, March 15

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Fellowship following
Session Meeting

Welcome to Worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church!

-The order of service is found in your bulletin and projected on the screen.

-An * shows the time when the congregation stands. If it is more comfortable to remain seated, please do so.

-Restrooms are found on each level of the church. An usher will help you find your way. Fully accessible restrooms are located in the basement.

-A nursery room is available but we welcome hearing the sound of small children.

-Communion is offered on most first Sundays of the month. All are welcome to receive the elements of the meal. An usher will invite you forward or servers may come to you in the pew.

-We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.

Join us as we partner with WU United Methodist Church during **The Season of Lent**. Besides our special worship services, we will share in a weekly Wednesday night Lenten Study. A light meal will be served beginning at 6pm. We look forward to this time of fellowship with our Methodist friends. (Note the host site for each event)

Wednesday Lenten Study

Meal at 6:00 pm (provided by host church)

Study at 6:30 pm (or as close as possible)

Conclude by 7:30 pm

March 11 @ Bethel

March 18 @ WU UMC

March 25 @ Bethel

Maundy Thursday worship - April 2nd @ Bethel - 7:00 pm

Good Friday worship - April 3rd @ WU UMC- 7:00 pm

There are order forms for lilies in the narthex.

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**Welcome to worship at
Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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